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## Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing an electrode catalyst layer comprising the steps of:

ejecting droplets of a first electrode ink composition from a nozzle of an inkjet device onto a base material, the first electrode ink composition containing including at least one electrode active material in a solvent matrix; and

ejecting droplets of a second electrode ink composition from a nozzle of an ink jet device onto a base material, the second electrode ink composition eontaining including at least one binder material in a solvent matrix.

- 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the first electrode ink composition further contains comprises at least one electroconductive material.
- 3. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of Claim claim 1 wherein the base material is at least one of a collector or and an electrolyte film.
- 4. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of Claim claim 1 wherein the first electrode ink composition further contains comprises at least one surfactant material.
- 5. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of claim 4 wherein the surfactant material is at least one of a carboxylic acid system surfactant and an ether-type nonionic surfactant[[,]].
- 6. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of claim 5 wherein the ether-type nonionic surfactant is polyoxyethylene ether type nonionic surfactant.
- 7. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of claim 4 wherein the surfactant material has an HLB value between 5 and 30.

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8. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of claim 4 wherein the surfactant material is present in the first electrode ink composition in an amount sufficient to provide 0.05-10 wt% in a resulting coating layer with respect to total quantity of the electrode active material in the resulting layer.

- 9. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of claim 4 wherein the first electrode ink composition is employed to prepare a positive electrode and wherein the electrode active material in the first electrode ink composition is at least one of a Li-Mn oxide compound or and a Li-Ni oxide compound.
- 10. (Currently amended) The manufacturing method of claim 4 wherein the first electrode ink composition is employed to prepare a negative electrode and wherein the electrode active material is at least one of a crystalline carbon material and a non-crystalline carbon material.
  - 11. (Currently amended) An electrode comprising:
  - [[a]] the base material having at least one surface;
- [[a]] the electrode catalyst layer manufactured according to the method of claim

  1 overlying at least a portion of the surface of the base material, wherein the catalyst is

  prepared by a process including the steps of:

ejecting droplets of a first electrode ink composition from a nozzle of an inkjet device onto a base material, the first ink composition containing at least one electrode active material alone or in combination with at least one electroconductive material in a solvent matrix:

ejecting droplets of a second electrode ink composition from a nozzle of an ink jet device onto a base material, the second ink composition containing at least one binder material in a solvent matrix.

12. (Currently amended) A battery comprising at least one positive electrode, at least one electrolyte layer[[,]] and at least one negative electrode sequentially

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positioned in laminated relationship to one another, wherein at least one of the positive electrode or and the negative electrode are prepared by a process including the steps of:

ejecting droplets of a first electrode ink composition from a nozzle of an inkjet device onto a base material, the first electrode ink composition containing at least one electrode active material alone or in combination with at least one electroconductive material in a solvent matrix;

ejecting droplets of a second electrode ink composition from a nozzle of an ink jet device onto a base material, the second electrode ink composition containing at least one binder material in a solvent matrix comprises the electrode catalyst layer manufactured according to the method of claim 1.

## 13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently amended) A vehicle comprising a power source wherein the power source includes at least one battery comprising at least one positive electrode, at least one electrolyte layer[[,]] and at least one negative electrode sequentially positioned in laminated relationship to one another, at least one of the positive electrode of and the negative electrode are prepared by a process including the steps of:

ejecting droplets of a first electrode ink composition from a nozzle defined in an inkjet device onto a base material, the first electrode ink composition containing at least one electrode active material alone or in combination with at least one electroconductive material in a solvent matrix:

ejecting droplets of a second electrode ink composition from a nozzle defined in an ink jet device onto a base material, the second electrode ink composition containing at least one binder material in a solvent matrix comprising the electrode catalyst layer manufactured according to the method of claim 1.

15. (Currently amended) An The method of claim 1 wherein the first electrode ink composition comprising further comprises:

at least one particulate electrode active material;

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at least one <u>a</u> surfactant compound; and <del>a solvent</del> wherein the at least one electrode active material comprises a particulate electrode active material.

16. (Currently amended) The electrode ink composition  $\underline{method}$  of claim 15 wherein the particulate electrode active material has an average grain size between 0.01  $\mu m$  and 1.0  $\mu m$ .

17. (Currently amended) The electrode ink composition method of claim 15 wherein the <u>first</u> electrode ink composition has a total solids content between 5 wt% and 30wt% based on total <u>first</u> electrode ink composition.

18. (Currently amended) The electrode ink composition method of claim 15 wherein the surfactant compound is present in an amount between 0.1 wt% and 5.0 wt% based on total <u>first</u> electrode ink composition.